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CHIVE/C-166-66

10 August 1966

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Files for COINE I

1. In a discussion with John Vance on 4 August 1966, he raised the subject of the candidate files suggested in the [ ] memorandum, DD/S&T-3973-66, 1 August 1966, titled "Agency Implementation Planning for Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS)." The third file listed in Attachment A struck John as different from any of those files suggested in previous discussions. The reason for this is now apparent. In our discussions we had referred to this file as the CHIVE Biographic Dictionary; in [ ] memorandum, CHIVE/C-126-66, it was referred to as the Biographic Register Chicom Dossier File. Since the date of that memorandum, 14 June 1966, it has been suggested that the first CHIVE Biographic Dictionary should be constructed much as the Soviet Elite File is being built, i.e., by extracting data from dossiers, transcribing this data for keypunching, and building the file by means of the 7010 Formatted File System (FICBUR). It would contain, initially, approximately 500 records on 500 Chicom personalities.

2. There are two points for discussion:

a. It has been agreed for now that the initial Chicom Dictionary should contain approximately 500-600 entries (CHIVE/C-167-66) and should be constructed in the same general manner and using the same tools as the Location and Organization Dictionary. However, the elements of information may not be the same or in the same format as those in the Soviet Elite File. The reason is that in the CHIVE design certain elements of information must be controlled in the Biographic Dictionary. These constraints have not been imposed on the developers of the Soviet Elite File.

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b. Is this the candidate file that we wish to propose for COINS I? The alternative suggested by John Vance is the BR Card Index to its Soviet dossier file. I asked [ ] about the comparative worth of these two candidates. His answer is in the next two paragraphs.

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3. "The BR card file on Soviet personalities has a little data on a lot of people [ ]. The proposed CHIVE Chicom File will have a lot of data (about the same amount as in a Soviet Elite record) on a few (500) people. Since none of the COINS participants has asked the others what they could really use in the way of files, I know of nothing which would make either alternative better from the NSA/DIA point of view.

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4. "However, all else equal, it's going to take [ ] reports) a heck of a long time to search any of these files, but the difference in searching 500 versus 80,000 records may also be the difference between COINS I being or not being an on-line operation in any practical sense. I would therefore recommend the 500 record CHIVE Chicom File be chosen."

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5. Note that [ ] is on [ ] staff and is charged with doing this programming for COINS I.

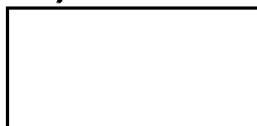
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